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Debris Removal Program Participants More Than Double in One Week

Officials with the County Debris Removal Program report that the number of signups more than doubled since last week. As of December 3rd, 109 properties are enrolled in the program, up from 40 last week. Staff also reports that 366 signup packets have been delivered to owners. The County sponsored Debris Removal Program offers participants a complete debris management service. The service assures the debris will be removed safely and quickly with no direct expense to the property owner.

Property owners that have not yet responded are encouraged to contact the Debris Removal Program at 909-867-7579 to get all the facts on the program in order to make an informed decision on debris removal. Signup materials are available at the Debris Removal Center, 2677 Whispering Pines Drive, Running Springs, Heaps Peak Transfer Station, Rebuilding Mountain Hearts & Lives in Twin Peaks & Running Springs and Building & Safety, Twin Peaks. The materials can be downloaded on-line at: www.sbcounty.gov/wsd.

Debris Removal Program Wraps Up Asbestos Work

Some 350 properties with structure built prior to 1984 will have been surveyed for asbestos by the end of this week (December 7). Asbestos has been found to cause mesothelioma-a form of lung cancer. The next phase will be to safely remove the asbestos from the properties. That work will start December 7 and is expected to be finished by December 21. No county landfill can accept asbestos; the nearest facilities permitted to accept asbestos are in Azusa or Arizona. Asbestos removal is part of the County comprehensive Debris Removal Program. The program will assist property owners in getting their fire-ravaged property safely cleared of debris and ready for rebuilding. This service is offered at no direct cost to the property owner.

Once the asbestos has been removed, the next step will be scheduling the removal of the debris. Because no two properties are identical, debris removal work is tailored for each property. The sequence of work may, if needed, start with removal of hazard trees, marking the location of under ground utilities/septic tanks, and mapping the location of the existing foundation. Once this is done the ash and debris will be collected and hauled away. Depending on the property and the property owner's wishes, the foundation will be removed. Metals and concrete will be separated for recycling and hauled off. Neighborhoods where most or all affected property owners have signed up for the program will likely be among the first areas worked by the program.

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